

REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, Applicant corrects a typographic error regarding the filing date of the foreign application. Applicant notes that the correct filing date appears on the certified copy of the foreign application that was submitted, the declaration, the transmittal letter, and the filing receipt.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the Preliminary Amendment, and is captioned "Appendix To Preliminary Amendment of September 14, 2001."

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2001

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Amendments to the Specification

This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority from the prior Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-078417, filed March [31] 21, 2000, the entire contents of which are herein incorporated by reference.

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